NEGROES LYNCHED AND BODIES BURNED

Springfield, Mo., the Scene of a Most Revolting and Disgraceful Occurrence.

MILITIA GUARDING STREETS.

Gov. Folk Offers Reward for Arrest And Conviction of Members Of the Mob.

Springfield, Mo., April 15 .- At 2:15 o'clock this morning, William Allen, a young negro, was taken from the county jail here and lynched in the public square by the same mob that two hours earlier had hanged Horace Duncan and James Copeland. The body of Allen later was burned to ashes, as had been those of the other negroes, beneath the post where they had been hanged.

Following the dispatch of Duncan and Copeland, some one suggested that Allen and Rus Cain, two other negroes known to be in the jail, should be lynched. The mob, now bloodthirsty and wrought up to the highest pitch of excitement, readily took up the cry, and soon the charred body of a third victim lay beneath the statue of the Goddess of Liberty. Cain escaped.

Allen and Cain were being held upon

suspicion of having murdered O. P. Ruark, while Duncan and Copeland were accused of assaulting Mabel Ed-

onson, a white domestic. When the mob left the jail at midnight with Copeland and Duncan, 14 prisoners escaped in the excitement. Among them was Cain. But Allen was there yet and the second mob found him hidden under a cot. He was dragged out, his hands were tied behind his back, a rope was but around his neck and he was marched down the street to the tower in the square. Two men climbed up the iron stairway and stood upon the platform with Allen between them. One of these men, who held a lantern in his hand, faced the crowd below, and waving his hand toward the negro, said:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: This is Will Allen, the man who murdered old man Ruark. What shall we do with "Hang him!" cried the crowd.

"Throw him overboard."
"Can any one identify this nigger?" some one shouted. The man put the lantern up so it shone into the face of the negro, and some one in the crowd said "Yes, I identify him. Hang him." At this the crowd laughed. "Are you Will Allen?" asked the

"Yes, but I didn't kill Ruark," he "Well, who did?"

"I only know what I heard, that Bus Cain killed him," the negro answered. "Make him spit it out. Make him confess," the crowd shouted. The man with the lantern shouted gain: "Is this nigger guilty? Yes

Some one shouted "Yes," others cried "No." The mob was undecided. While the crowd was debating the second man on the platform began tying a rope to

the iron railing.

The negro stood directly above the smouldering ash heap from which the smell of burning flesh arose. But he stood erect while the man with the lantern harrangued the mob, and they

Jeered at the negro.

In the meantime the rope had been placed about Allen's neck and presently the hangman caught the negro's an-kles, lifted him and threw him forward kles, lifted him and threw him forward over the railing. Allen turned a somersault in the air and as the rope came taut his neck cracked like a pistol shot. The rope broke and he fell in the bed of coals on top of the other two negroes. There he kicked and floundered around until another rope was brought, thrice looped around the neck, and he was again superpled in midels.

was again suspended in midair.

Five thousand persons saw the trio hanged and burned. Among the crowd of spectators were hundreds of women and children, girls and boys. In a hall overlooking the plaza an Easter dance was in progress. Its music stopped while the dancers crowded to the windows and watehed the writhing black bodies and the flames that finally consumed them.

Today souvenirs of the night, consist-

ing of a button from the trousers of one of the negroes, a piece of the hang-man's rope, and other pieces of relics man's rope, and other pieces of relics were eagerly bought by many among the crowds that gathered at the scene.

Prosecuting Atty. Patterson is said to have secured the names of more than 100 men who took part in the lynching

A crowd of negroes assembled on the

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square early tonight and refused to disperse, but when the first company of militia arrived, they sullenly scat-tered. It was feared that an attempt ht be made during the night to set to buildings in the outskirts of the city and consequently the arrival of other companies of militia was anxiously awaited.

WHAT GOV. FOLK SAYS.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 15.—Gov. Joseph Folk, in a statement today, said:

"The lynching at Springfield was a most disgraceful occurrence. What-ever the offense of the negroes may have been and however deserving of death they may have been, they were entitled to punishment by law and not by a mob, and when a mob takes the law into its own hands, as this one did, any member of it is guilty of

MILITIA GUARD STREETS.

Springfield, Mo., April 15 .- State militia, reinforced by 200 deputy sheriffs, sworn in during the day, guard the streets of Springfield tonight against a possible repetition of the work of the mob that last night lynched three ne-groes in the public square. There are groes in the public square. There are hundreds of strangers in the city and Springfield still is in the grip of the

Although no untoward move was made during the day, many threats were heard and Sheriff Horner, fearing a fresh outbreak when darkness should fall, telegraphed Gov. Folk early in the day for aid. The governor responded promptly and within a few hours six companies of militia were on the way here from Aurora, Carthage, Pierce City, Butler, Nevada and one other point. The first of these companies arrived at 7 o'clock this evening and was followed during the night at intervals

In addition to sending soldiers here to In addition to sending soldiers here to guard against a further violation of the law, Gov. Folk took quick action to prosecute the leaders of the mob. Today he authorized the offering of a reward of \$300 each for the arrest and conviction of members of the mob. This is the limit allowed by law. In addition he instructed Rush Lake, assistant attorney general, to proceed here at attorney-general, to proceed here at once and aid the grand jury of Green county in ferreting out and prosecuting the prime movers in last night's work. Mr. Lake left Jefferson City for Springfield tonight.

Of the 14 prisoners, whites and negroes, who escaped from the prison last nigth during the mob excitement, four

were captured during the day.

Thousands of people today swarmed about the jail, to view the wreck caused by the mob, and about the public square where the three negroes were hanged and their bodies later burned to ashes. Every train brought hun-dreds of persons to the city from sur-rounding towns, mostly hoodlums, who apparently scented trouble and were anxious to take a hand in it. Many others, who came from the farming districts, caught up the mob spirit read-ily, and joined the general sentiment that the negroes should be driven from the city and that now, when the feel-ing against the race was strong, was

time to do it. streets today were greeted with hoots and jeers and on several occasions crowds of men and boys collected to attack them. A crowd of 200 gathered around one negro, who recently had been released from jall, and threatened him with violence. The fact that no one would assume the leadership alone

saved the negro. saved the negro.

Both the negroes and whites are armed and the negroes will not likely be driven from the city without a struggle. There was a steady demand today for firearms and at many hardware stores it was reported that they had sold nearly their entire stock of guns of every description.

of every description.

Ropes were stretched around the jail and a force of 25 deputies was kept busy keeping the curiosity-seekers from forcing their way beyond the inclosures. The damage done to the jall cannot be repaired for some time, and it could be entered easily by a mob unless opposed by a sufficient number of armed men. HANGED TO ELECTRIC TOWER,

Springfield, Mo., April 14.-A mob tonight took two negroes from the county jail and hanged them to the electric tower in the center of the pubic square and built a fire under the men as they hung.

men as they hung.

The negroes were Horace Duncan and James Copeland, both under 21 years of age. They were in jail charged with assaulting Mabel Edmonson, a white girl, last night.

Fully 5,000 people went to the county jail about 9 o'clock and with telesches.

poles and sledge hammers literally tore the jail to pieces. Finally the two negro suspects were dragged from the jail and taken to the center of the public square and hanged. It is fully a mile from the jail to the square, and the mob marched down one of the orincipal streets of the town, shouting

and firing pistols.

Mabel Edmonson came here recently from Monett, Mo., to obtain employ-ment as a domestic servant, Las night she was riding in a buggy with Charles Cooper, a young man of Springfield. In a secluded part of the city the couple were held up by two negroes. The man was knocked un-conscious and the girl dragged from conscious and the girl dragged from the buggy and into the woods by the roadside and assaulted. The two ne-groes lynched tonight were suspected and arrested, but were only partially

The mob threatens to return to the jail and hang four other negroes charged with murder,

Circuit Atty. Arthur Sager of St. Louis was a witness of the tragedy. He slipped down into the cellar of the jail and cut off the gas, boping to thus confuse the mob and defeat its plans. He was just a second too late, as the mob had secured the negroes. Sheriff Horner tried to argue with the mob, but it was determined, and hooted and insulted him.

Jailer King was assaulted when he refused to give up the keys. He finally gave the mob some keys, which were not for the negroes' cell, however, and the mob was forced to smash in the iron bars. Sheriff Wilson Crane of Polk county was present and tried to induce the mob not to hang the ne-

The mob besides wrecking the fail. attacked the sheriff's house, demol-ished the furniture and rendered the sheriff's wife unconscious by threats

Two months ago T. M. Kinney, prominent tailor, was assassinated, and two negro suspects are in jail, Later an old peddler was killed and negroes were accused of that crime. This created a strong anti-negro feel-

It was in fear that tonight's tragedy yould be enacted that caused a delegation of negroes to try to prevent an anti-negro play from being given here. The play, which was given, intensified the bitter feeling.

FATAL EXPLOSION ON THE KEARSARGE

Six Men Killed in the Forward Turret of the Battleship.

CAUSE OF ACCIDENT UNKNOWN

Target Practise Had Been Completed And Powder Was Being Taken Below.

Washington, April 14 .-- Two years ago today, a day later than the fatal Missouri disaster, as every sailor immediately recalled, on a Friday and the 13th of the month, six men were done to death in the forward turret of the battleship Kearsarge by one of those accidents which acquired additional terror for sailors because of their obscure origin and almost impossibility of prevention.

The Atlantic fleet had been for weeks engaged in the most severe drills in the waters of the Caribbean sea, culminating in the quarterly tar-get practise. This practise was just about concluding with most satisfactory results up to yesterday, and it was confidently expected at the department, upon the basis of preliminary reports received, that all records would be broken in the matter of rapidity of fire and efficiency of the gunners. But today, just at the close of the week's work at the department, came a cable-gram from Rear-Admiral Evans, commanding the Atlantic fleet, telling of a dreadful accident on one of his best

ships, the Kearsarge.

The news came from Caimamera, a little cable station at the mouth of Guantanamo bay, indicating that the Kearsarge itself had arrived at that place. A slight telegraphic error, requiring the consumption of some time to effect the deciphering of the mes-sage, added to the anxiety of the officials as soon as they made out the fact that a serious accident had oc-curred. When the message was final-

ly reduced to form it read as follows: "Caimamera, April 14, 1906. Secretary Navy, Washington: On April 13, about 3:10 p. m. shortly after completion of target practise of Kearsarge, at the forward turret, while the powder was going below, three sections of a 13-inch charge of powder were ig-nited. The charge of powder in other lift just below and one section of the 13-inch remained intact. Cause un-Matter is being investigated Lieut. Joseph M. Graeme, gun umpire has been sent to the Maryland in a very critical state about 9 p. m. The following have since died:

"Lieut. Huggins, turret officer. "Peter Norberg, gunner's maie,
"Peter Norberg, gunner's maie,
"Theodore Naogeli, seaman,
"Anton O. Thorson, seaman,
"Julius E. Poster, turret captain, first class. "Ellis H. Athey, seaman.

INJURED.

"The following was dangerously injured by accident; recovery doubtful:
"W. King, ordinary seaman.
"Will bury dead at Guantanamo, Ves-

The following message of condolence was tlegraphed to the commander-inchief of the fleet, Admiral Evans, by Acting Secy, Newberry:

"April 14.—Evans, Maine, naval station, Canimaners."

tion, Canimanera: "The department is deeply grieved by "The department is deeply grieved by the unfortunate action on board the Kearsarge which occasioned the death and injury in the performance of duty of brave officers and men, and the navy expresses its heartfelt sympathy to the injured and wishes for a speedy recovery from their wounds. Spare no effort to lease the suffering injured in every possible manner and show every honor to the dead.

honor to the dead. "NEWBERRY." "NEWBERRY."
Immediately on receiving the cable-gram, Acting Seey, Newberry carried it to the president at the White House, and was authorized to send the foregoing expression of sympathy. He also communicated the sad news to Secy, Bonaparte at his home in Baltimore over the long distance telephone. over the long distance telephone. Mean-while, by direction of Admiral Con-verse, chief of the navigation bureau, Capt. Potter, the assistant chief, and Commander Wilson, were busily en-gaged in looking up the addresses of the relatives of the victims and writing telegrams acquainting them with the

news. Nothing more could be done in Washington until further details were received from Admiral Evans.

The first feeling of the fficers at the navy department after reading the cablegram was one of surprise that the accident had resulted in so little loss of life. The Kearsarge's forward turret, where it occured, is of the superposed type; in other words, an 8-inch turret set on the top of the 13-inch gun turret, where the accident accurate. ret, where the accident occurerd. In the lower turret were 24 men and in the upper turret 16. An ammunition hoist connected the two, and had the powder in the lower hoist exploded

powder in the lower hoist exploded probably every man in the two turrets would have been killed.

The cause of the ignition was not known, but the first belief at the navy department is that in cleaning up the turret and throwing open the breeches of the big gun, after the last round had been fired, some small bit of smoldering cannas hagging was blown out. dering canvas bagging was blown out of one of the guns as the big breech

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block was swung around, only to fall upon the ammunition hoist, where the surplus powder was being returned to the magazines below. Had the re-mainder of this powder exploded there might have been a repetition of the Missouri-disaster, when 26 men were killed in the turret, and in the maga-

Naval regulations prescribe exactly what is to be done in a case of this kind. The admiral in command orders immediately a court of inquiry to ascertain the cause of the accident and place, the responsibility therefor and a court-martial will follow if any one is found at fault.

CAPT. MARTIN.

Under Guard as Insane Jumps Overboard and is Drowned.

Honolulu, April 15, 19:55 p. m.-Capt Martin of the light artillery, en route home on board the United States transport Sherman, under guard as insane, jumped overboard during a storm on Apil 5, three days after the steamer left Nagasaki. His body was not recovered.

Capt. Martin went to the Philippines about three months ago.

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